



Top 100 Things to Be Thankful For This Year

With Thanksgiving almost here, it's a great time to reflect on reasons we are thankful. Perhaps some of you have a tradition of going around the table at Thanksgiving and stating your top reason. Well the fine folks at RealSimple.com have put together their top 100 list. Here is a sampling of their list; you will have to [click here to view the complete 100](#). Here at the Sandhill Farmers Markets we are thankful for our faithful vendors, wonderful customers, dedicated volunteers and those from each group that we now count as friends. Happy Thanksgiving!

23. Pumpkin pie filling from a can (we won't tell!).
24. Your health—even on days when it isn't perfect.
25. Peanut butter.
26. Chocolate.
27. Every good book you've read that has helped you escape for a few hours.
28. The coziest spot in your house.
29. The stash of Halloween candy you snuck out of your kids' bags.
30. Garbage disposals.
31. Younger siblings you still get to protect, and older ones who will always protect you.
32. Mason jars, and the [Pinterest boards of crafts](#) waiting to be made.
33. Puppies!



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Holiday Market

Yes, our regular season ends on November the 24th. This will conclude our 30 weeks of welcoming you to the grounds of the Clemson Sandhill Research and Education Center. The 2016 season is scheduled to begin the first week of next May.

Due to many requests by our faithful customers and vendors we will offer a Holiday Market on Tuesday the 15th of December from noon until 5 PM. You can expect to find our usual array of fine vendors and perhaps a few new ones that will enhance your shopping selections.

We look forward to welcoming you and if you have any friends interested in selling that day have them contact Stan Perry by email: perry8@clemson.edu. Thank you.



Market Flash

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School Days at the Sandhill REC

During October and November the Sandhill REC has welcomed visitors to our popular School Days program. Students ranging from pre Kindergarten through Second grade were able to spend the majority of their mornings experiencing agriculture, land stewardship and ecology first-hand.

The students studied cotton, sweet sorghum, grain sorghum, white lint cotton, broom corn, pumpkin plants, solved the sorghum maze, pumped water through an old style pitcher pump and enjoyed a narrated hayride through the property.

Thank you to our volunteers: the Richland County Master Gardeners, volunteer coordinator - Mary Alice Williams, retired elementary teacher Ann Perry, plus Farm Manager, Joe Hudson, and his staff.



Support Your Local Farmers Markets

While we hope to see you every Tuesday afternoon during the season there are other Farmers Markets in the area which need your support.

You will find many of our vendors at these fine markets as well.

Wednesday: [Blythewood Market](#)

Thursday: [Lake Carolina](#)

Saturday: [Kershaw Market](#)

Saturday: [Soda City Market](#)

November 17th Market Photos



The Sandhill Farmers Market... where fun, food, and community come together.

Gardening Tip of the Week

Dr. Timothy Davis, Richland County Extension Agent

Even though we've come to the end of the Farmer's Market season the horticulture season continues. Many people don't realize the late fall and early winter should be very a very busy time.

This is the best time of year to plant or transplant trees and perennial plants. You can also divide many of the tuberous plants such as lilies. A number of greens can still be planted. Nourish your soil by adding organic matter to the garden. While you are at it do a soil test and apply lime if needed. This will give the lime time to adjust the pH before the next growing season.

You should also be looking through those garden catalogs and ordering seeds for the garden next spring. Most people come to farmer's markets for the quality locally grown food. Remember it doesn't get any more local then your back yard.



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Turkey Time

It's that time again when we roast, grill, deep fry, smoke and on occasion burn the turkey. (deep smoked) This series will highlight a few of the methods for preparing the traditional Thanksgiving entrée.

Cornbread Oyster Dressing

From our friends at *Garden and Gun* comes this recipe for stuffing to complete your holiday turkey presentation.

Garden and Gun always has interesting twists on Southern favorites and this recipe is no exception. The advice comes to us from Chef Edward Lee, 610 Magnolia, Louisville, Kentucky.

[Click here to read the complete article and recipe.](#)

[Click on this link for Garden and Gun's complete collection of Thanksgiving recipes.](#)

See how many of these ingredients you can find at the Sandhill Farmers Market!

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Hard to believe we are at the end of our 30 week season. It seems like only 29 weeks ago we were just getting started. Thanks to all of you the season has been great. We have had several requests to reprint the “original” short poem from the end of last year’s season to help us get into the holiday mood. Here it is! (original 2013)

‘Twas the morn of the last market, and throughout the grounds,
All creatures were silent, except for some hounds.

(And of course those omnipresent, irritating, brash, annoying, persistent, pesky,
thieving squirrels... but I digress)

The spaces were waiting, lined off with fresh white,
In hopes that our good friends, would shop till the night.

With the market now ready, and the parking prepared,
Cars flew by down Clemson, and so we just stared.
The chill bit the morning; it could not have been sweeter,
Joe set in his truck, whilst running the heater.

But out from the road, there arose such a clatter,
Had to get back to work, and see what was the matter.
So up from my chair, I flew like a flash,
Even Joe left his truck, as his feet hit the grass.

And there midst the noise, there came through the dust,
A caravan of pick-ups, some christened with rust.
All packed to the brim, with items galore,
There was produce and crafts, and oh so much more.

On came Russell and Mandy, plus Becky and Jeff,
I could swear I saw Billy and Carrie turn left.
The vehicles came fast, and to their spaces didst fly,
It seemed to all happen, in the blink of an eye.

The crowds were upon us, all shopping and jolly,
Buying fresh foods and treats, plus wreathes made of holly.
The darkness fell quickly, the market did clear,
As the last vendor shouted, what days next year?

HAPPY HOLIDAYS